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Dear George:

Thank you so much for arranging the briefing by two of your South Africa experts. I found both of them informed and helpful. The overview will be very helpful when I arrive in South Africa.

I've been delayed a week by Mexican events so now plan to arrive there October 7, rather than September 30 and stay for at least two weeks.

Please tell Bob Gates hello and thanks for the cooperation of his analysts. As I said to you, I do think such briefing are useful for the agency and the reporter so long as you choose carefully and, of course, don't let all your analysts time be taken up by reporters and editors. But I know it's not your customary practice and so I deeply appreciate your cooperation with me.

Best regards,

*Karin*

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